

# Compliance Assessment Sampling Plan – Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI)

CAT KIT Exhibit 5B

Attribute, Test, Errors, & Criteria for Testing	Sampling Parameters	Universe	Potential Sampling Frame(s)	Evaluation of Compliance Testing & Actions Needed
<p><b>Attribute:</b> Did the importer's claims for CBI trade preference comply with statutory and regulatory requirements as set forth in Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461-2465), as amended by the Customs and Trade Act of 1990, and in 19 CFR Part 10, Sections 10.193 through 10.198?</p> <p><b>Test (Primary Audit Steps):</b> (1) Determine eligibility for claimed CBI by verifying the following for each selected CBI transaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country is eligible for CBI treatment</li> <li>Merchandise is eligible for CBI treatment</li> <li>Merchandise was directly imported into the U.S.</li> <li>Merchandise originates in Beneficiary Developing Country (BDC) and meets 35% rule.</li> </ul> <p>(2) Determine if the company's internal control policies and procedures for CBI were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented, and</li> <li>Produced accurate CBI claims.</li> </ul> <p><b>Errors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country is not eligible for CBI treatment</li> <li>Merchandise not eligible for CBI treatment</li> <li>Merchandise was not directly imported into the U.S.</li> <li>Merchandise did not originate in BDC or meet the 35% rule</li> <li>The importer is unable to provide adequate support or information for verifying its CBI eligibility claim</li> </ul> <p><b>Criteria for Testing (Statistical Sample or 100% Review):</b>                      ☐ CAT determines that the trade area is a high risk trade area.                      ☐ Trade area ≥ \$10,000,000.</p>	<p><b>Approach:</b> attribute estimation sampling using the average error rate (point estimate) for evaluating compliance</p> <p><b>Confidence Level:</b> 95%</p> <p><b>Sampling Error (Precision):</b> ±5% (10% range)</p> <p><b>Anticipated Error Rate:</b> 5%</p>	<p>CBI line items on Customs entries made during the importer's last completed fiscal year</p>	<p><b>Customs' Records:</b> CBI Line Items</p> <p><b>Importer's Records:</b> Inventory of CBI Articles</p> <p><b>Sampling Frame:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Validated Sample:</b>                      ☐ Yes                      ☐ No</p> <p><b>Frame Size:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Sample Size:</b> _____</p>	<p><b>LOL Compliance Rate:</b> ____ %</p> <p><b>Systemic/Non-Systemic or Recurring Errors?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– If systemic, recommend importer correct cause of error(s)</li> <li>– If recurring, project the effect and recommend collection of unpaid duties and fees.</li> <li>– If non-recurring, recommend collection of duties and fees on identified errors, if applicable.</li> </ul> <p>☐ <b>LOL Error Rate ≤ 5%</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– If internal controls were documented, compliance is at an acceptable level for CBI.</li> <li>– If internal controls were not documented, coordinate with the Account Manager to help company develop a CIP.</li> </ul> <p>☐ <b>LOL Error Rate &gt; 5%</b></p> <p><b>Apply materiality criteria.</b> (CAT Kit Exhibit 32)</p> <p><b>Materiality Compliance Rate:</b> ____ %</p> <p>☐ <b>Materiality Compliance Rate is acceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– If internal controls were documented, compliance is at an acceptable level for CBI.</li> <li>– If internal controls were not documented, coordinate with the Account Manager to help company develop a CIP.</li> </ul> <p>☐ <b>Materiality Compliance Rate is unacceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– If materiality error rate is not acceptable, importer compliance for CBI is not acceptable. Coordinate with the Account Manager to help company develop a CIP.</li> </ul> <p><b>Prepare results sheet and refer to the Enforcement Evaluation Team (EET) if findings meet the EET impact level for referral.</b></p>